

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

Claims 1-14. (canceled)

Claim 15. (currently amended) An aggregation base for use with an apparatus received within a subterranean cavity for detecting and controlling subterranean termites, said aggregation base being attractive to said termites for forming an aggregation site for said termites, said apparatus having a replaceable container device sized and shaped such that the container device may be removed from the apparatus and replaced without substantially disturbing the aggregation base, said aggregation base comprising:

a generally cylindrical outer surface,

at least one void within said aggregation base for forming an aggregation site for said termites, and

at least one channel passing completely through the aggregation base from the cylindrical outer surface and leading inward to said void.

Claim 16. (original) The aggregation base as set forth in claim 15 wherein said void is substantially centrally located within said aggregation base.

Claim 17. (original) The aggregation base as set forth in claim 16 wherein said outer surface of said aggregation base extends laterally outward to face said subterranean cavity.

Claim 18. (canceled)

Claim 19. (original) The aggregation base as set forth in claim 15 wherein said aggregation base is a cellulosic material.

Claim 20. (original) The aggregation base as set forth in claim 19 wherein said aggregation base is wood.

Claims 21-23. (canceled)

Claim 24. (new) The aggregation base as set forth in claim 15 wherein said aggregation base comprises two separable portions.

Claim 25. (new) The aggregation base as set forth in claim 24 further comprising at least one channel in each portion.

Claim 26. (new) The aggregation base as set forth in claim 25 further comprising at least three channels in each portion.

Claim 27. (new) The aggregation base as set forth in claim 26 wherein said at least three channels are oriented substantially orthogonal to said cylindrical outer surface.

Claim 28. (new) The aggregation base as set forth in claim 27 wherein said at least three channels are substantially evenly spaced from one another.

Claim 29. (new) The aggregation base as set forth in claim 24 wherein each portion is substantially a semi-cylindrical.

Claim 30. (new) The aggregation base as set forth in claim 15 wherein said void is substantially cylindrical.

Claim 31. (new) The aggregation base as set forth in claim 15 further comprising a top surface substantially orthogonal to said cylindrical outer surface, wherein said void extends to said top surface for visual inspection of the void for visible signs of termite activity without substantially disturbing the aggregation base.

Claim 32. (new) The aggregation base as set forth in claim 15 wherein said aggregation base is comprised of a foam material.